



***State of Washington
Department of Transportation
Legal Notice of Intent to Sole Source***

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) announces its intention to establish a sole source contract with Western Shores Heritage Services, Inc. (WSHS) to provide archaeological site investigations and recovery for the former Elwha Klallam village site known as Tse-whit-zen on the SR 104, Hood Canal Bridge East Half Replacement, Port Angeles Graving Dock. WSDOT will award one contract for approximately \$850,000.

State Route 104, Hood Canal Bridge East Half Replacement, a major element of this bridge replacement project is to construct a graving dock in Port Angeles on the Port Angeles Harbor at the location of a former lumber mill and log sorting yard. This graving dock would be used to fabricate pontoons and anchors required to replace the obsolete east half of the existing Hood Canal floating bridge.

During initial site construction work, an archaeological site was inadvertently discovered. The site has been determined to be a former Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (LEKT) village site known as Tse-whit-zen. This discovery led to the need for professional archaeological services. Archaeological data recovery work has been ongoing since January of 2004. A major burial ground associated with the village was encountered during construction of stormwater treatment facilities. This burial ground has exceeded expectations with regards to it's size. Significant number of intact burials has been recovered to date. WSDOT is expecting to recover many more burials at this site. WSDOT is proposing to utilize WSHS to complete recovery of cemetery burials.

The proposed consultant services are required to complete a very unique and highly specialized task. Additional removal of burials is required to complete human remains recovery from burial grounds determined to exist within the project limits. These burials are associated with the LEKT Tse-whit-zen village site. To date, successful recovery of burials from this burial ground has required extreme cultural sensitivity and Tribal coordination. WSHS has successfully exhibited the ability to coordinate with the Tribe while respectfully recovering Tribal ancestral remains.

Presently archaeological tasks on the site are divided into 2 main areas. Stormwater treatment pond facility construction on the western portion of the site has been monitored by WSHS. It was during monitoring of this construction that the original burial grounds discovery was made. WSHS completed this task enabling stormwater facility construction to be completed. It has been determined that a significant portion of the burial ground exists adjacent to the stormwater facility within the project limits. The remainder of the project site contains the major portion of the village remains. Archaeological data recovery of the village is ongoing by a second archaeological consultant with Larson Archaeological and Anthropological Services (LAAS). LAAS does not have the capacity to take on this additional burial recovery work and is being asked to focus on their current task.

WSHS has demonstrated their expertise during recovery of human remains during drainage area work and developed a good business relationship, level of trust and respect with the LEKT.

WSHS has skilled archaeology staff available for completing the archeological and human remains recovery work. That staff is still available with them and will help to complete the work with in the stipulated time. WSHS will not be required to do any mobilization activity. Furthermore, they are conversant with the site and nature of work.

The specific purpose of the proposed consultant agreement is to recover human remains from within the project limits to allow reburial at another location. This is specifically required in order to comply with federal and state law regarding treatment of human remains encountered in the course of a project such as the Hood Canal Bridge project.

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and WAC 25-48 require WSDOT and Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) to consult with local tribes and other affected agencies on archaeological sites affected by highway projects. Compliance with this federal regulation and state law requires human remains, data and artifacts within archaeological sites be treated in accordance with a specifically developed data recovery plan administered by a professional meeting specific qualifications established by the Secretary of Interior.

Challengers are required to submit a brief statement of their Intent to Challenge, and must address the following criteria as it relates to the project:

- 1 Qualifications/Expertise of Firms on Team;
- 2 Qualifications of Proposed Project Manager;
- 3 Key Team Members Qualifications (Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants);
- 4 Firm's Project Management System (Prime Consultant Only);
- 5 References/past performances (Prime Consultant Only); and
- 6 Cost factors (Prime Consultant Only.)

The submittal is limited to a total maximum number of ten (10) sheets submitted only on single sided (single sided meaning one side only of a single sheet of paper) typed 8.5" x 11" paper (if charts and/or graphs are utilized text must be readable size font,) and with type size no smaller than 12 point. The page limitation does not apply to the transmittal letter, front and back cover, the completed Performance Evaluation forms, and the completed Submittal Information Packet form(s.) Please provide only 1 copy of the completed Performance Evaluation forms and the completed Submittal Information Packet form(s.) These forms should be accompanied with your Letter of Transmittal and should be submitted under separate cover and not bound within your Statement of Interest.

The "Notice of Intent to Challenge" shall meet the following requirements or will be deemed non-responsive and will not be eligible for consideration of this work:

- 1 Title of the Notice of Intent to Sole Source on the cover of the submittal and the Transmittal Letter;
- 2 Transmittal Letter;



- 3 Completed Submittal Information Packet form for the Prime Consultant and all proposed Sub-Consultants (1 set);
- 4 Completed Performance Evaluations for the Prime Consultant Only;
- 5 Responsiveness to all challenge criteria;
- 6 Meeting page limitations and font size requirements; and
- 7 Meeting submittal deadline submission date.

Your "Notice of Intent to Challenge" must be received no later than 5:00 PM, Wednesday, September 1, 2004, at the below address:

Mr. Michael B. Rice
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No submittals will be accepted after that date and time. Faxed or e-mailed submittals will not be accepted.

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to WSDOT Consultant Services Office at 360-705-7104.

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